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She Wants to Keep Him One by Seeking \$750 a Month, He Replies.

"ENGLISH BANK" HIS GAME

Former Pittsburg Manufacturer Admits Shady Career Before His Reform.

Dark corners in the career of a former Pittsburg manufacturer were illuminated yesterday by his wife in the Supreme Court because he denied that he was able to pay her the amount of alimony she demanded in a suit for divorce. The husband admitted that much of what his wife said was true but asserted that for a year past he has led an upright life. The unusual situation developed before Justice Hendrick on an application by Mrs. Catherine Thompson for \$750 a month alimony and a \$2,500 counsel fee pending trial of a suit against Frank T. Thompson. The defendant told the court that if he were required to pay more than \$50 a month alimony he would have to go to Ludlow street jail. Justice Hendrick directed him to pay \$100 a month.

Mrs. Thompson told the court that her husband owns valuable real estate in Pittsburg and that in his business enterprises he has made as much as \$50,000 at one time. She said that her husband has been supporting another woman at 149 West 105th street.

Replying to his wife's affidavit Thompson denied all her statements concerning his finances. "I am today in my fifty-first year, without vocation or occupation, absolutely penniless," he said. "When I married the plaintiff I worked in the rolling mills in Pittsburg. My married life had been unhappy for ten years because of my wife's unkind accusations, and I brought her away from her Pittsburg environment thinking I would lead a more happy existence. My wife finally decided to live in a \$40 flat and left me. When I first came here I lived by speculating in the stock market, but luck has turned and I now have only \$250 left. I have come to the conclusion that one can't make a living playing the market."

Because of her husband's statements Mrs. Thompson submitted to the court an affidavit in which she said that he had first got into trouble eighteen years ago when he was sentenced to prison in Wheeling, W. Va., for obtaining \$1,000 through fraud.

"After three months the personal work and personally beseeching Gov. McCord," she related, "I got a pardon for my husband. His present occupation is enticing people, mainly Westerners, in a fraudulent gambling game called 'English bank.' In this way he has obtained large sums of money from a number of people."

"My husband was indicted in Pittsburg for obtaining \$50,000 from Dexter Davis of Marietta, Ohio, in the English bank gambling scheme, but the matter was quashed and my husband kept the \$50,000. He was then indicted in New York for obtaining \$7,000 in a similar scheme. He failed to appear for trial and forfeited \$5,000 bail. He has been known as William T. Cherry, Frank Morgan, William Lawrence, Frank Tucker, and also as 'Turner and Bradley'."

In reply to his wife's statements Thompson said:

"Much of what my wife says is true. I admit that I have been identified with speculations that might not be regarded as scrupulously clean, but since a year ago I have done nothing that would not bear the closest scrutiny. Although my wife regards me as having pursued a criminal career for years, this has not deterred me from living off the proceeds of crime. In demanding alimony of \$750 a month she speaks of my ability to entice people into swindling games, thus practically admitting that I enter upon a criminal career that she may obtain large alimony."

The Thompsons have two grown-up sons, who live with the defendant. Thompson says that Samuel P. Garu, from whom her husband claims to have borrowed money, "is an associate gambler and tool of my husband." Garu made an affidavit stating that he lent money to Thompson because of a "deep and abiding affection for him."

WESTCHESTER TICKET PICKED.

Republican Committee Designates Candidates at Primaries.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Aug. 25.—The Republican county committee, under the leadership of William L. Ward of Port Chester, made the following decisions today of candidates for nomination at the primaries to be held on September 28.

For member of Congress, Twenty-fifth district, James W. Huested of Peekskill; State Senator, George A. Slater of Port Chester; Sheriff of Westchester county, Ulrich Welschendorfer of Yonkers; for County Treasurer, William Archer of Mount Vernon; County Comptroller, Robert A. Patterson of Tarrytown; Register, Isaac H. Smith of Peekskill; Coroners, William H. Livingston of New Rochelle and Dr. William W. Mills of New Castle. The designations of candidates for nomination for members of Assembly are: First district, George Blaylock, Yonkers; Second, William S. Coffey, Mount Vernon; Third, Walter W. Law, Jr., Briarcliff; Fourth, Floyd D. Hopkins, White Plains; Henry R. Barrett of White Plains, Frank L. Young of Ossining and Francis A. Winslow of Yonkers were designated for nomination as delegates to the constitutional convention.

KRACKE NOT OUT FOR CONGRESS.

Bridge Commissioner Thinks It His Duty to Remain at Post.

Bridge Commissioner Fred J. H. Kracke announced yesterday that he would not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Sixth district in Brooklyn, for which he has been strongly backed since Congressman William M. Chandler started in the race for United States Senator.

Mr. Kracke feels that it is his duty to continue his work as Bridge Commissioner. He said that he was not a candidate for the nomination. The leading candidates are Alfred E. Vass, ex-Congressman Richard Young, Assemblyman Alvin W. Hoff and Frederick W. Rowe, president of the Three Cent Car Line, who is apparently in the lead.

HEARST NOT IN SENATE RACE.

Telegraphs His Refusal and Indorses Ambassador Gerard.

William Randolph Hearst telegraphed from San Francisco last night his refusal to be a candidate for the United States Senate.

"I said before leaving New York," Mr. Hearst's statement read, "that I was not a candidate for Senator and would not be unless called upon to make a fight in a public election, either in behalf of some vital cause or in opposition to some evil condition. There are no circumstances that I can see that call for my political activity."

Mr. Hearst approves of Ambassador Gerard for the Senate office and commends to support him if nominated. He also favors Gov. Glynn.

Murphy Lights Way for Democrats at Saratoga

Tammany, He Says, Will Oppose Selecting of Candidates at Conference To-day—Asserts That the Primary Law Will Be Stoutly Upheld.

McCOMBS APPEARS TO LEAD SENATORIAL RACE

SARATOGA, Aug. 25.—Charles F. Murphy got here this afternoon, and as usual the Democrats who grope in darkness until his lamp is lit now see clearly things that were obscure.

He said in the first place that Tammany Hall has absolutely no understanding with William H. Hearst about the Senatorial campaign, and that it is for a solid pro-Hearst plank, on which, it is argued, Mr. Hearst could not possibly stand. This declaration killed virtually all of the Hearst talk.

Mr. Murphy said that he knows that Tammany stands where it did at the Knickerbocker conference in June and will follow down any attempt to have tomorrow's conference select Senate candidates, either in the open meeting or by committee appointed by the conference. Mr. Murphy and his allies, who will control the conference, although they do not oppose the selection of fifteen nominees for constitutional convention delegates in advance of the primary.

"We're standing by the primary law," Mr. Murphy said stoutly to all inquirers.

Untermyer Favors McCombs.

On the train from New York with Mr. Murphy, Tom Smith, J. Sergeant Cram and Phil Donohue came Saratoga this morning, where they met Mr. Murphy. Mr. Untermyer is one of the Democrats Chairman Osborn invited to the conference and who have no vote. After he had a talk with National Chairman McCombs Mr. Untermyer said:

"I haven't been asked to run for Senator. I first heard discussions about it in the papers here when I returned from Europe on Saturday. Whom do I favor for Senator? Well, Hearst, if he'll run. Otherwise McCombs."

When the news that Mr. Hearst had eliminated himself and endorsed Ambassador Gerard reached Saratoga to-night none was surprised. It was intimated that Mr. Murphy had heard from Mr. Hearst before leaving New York. A few newspapers here have long been friendly to Mr. Gerard and that fact has weighed heavily with Democrats who have considered the Ambassador for the Senatorship.

From a good Tammany source it was learned to-night that there has been no decision on the Senatorial race and that these four men have about even chances. William H. McCombs, William Cram Osborn, Mr. Gerard and Charles E. Treman of Ithaca.

Mr. Treman's name was heard for the first time. He was Superintendent of Public Works under Gov. Dix. He is a Cornell graduate, not tied up with any faction and is credited with strong up-State support.

Congressman Metz Would Run.

John H. McConoy of Brooklyn says that if no one else would run, Congressman Herman Metz would be willing to run for Senator. Congressman Jefferson M. Levy of New York is in the Grand Union lobby in behalf of his own Senatorial candidacy, which makes little headway. Friends of Attorney-General Carmody got into the game to-day also.

Mr. Murphy entered the lobby of the Grand Union Hotel this afternoon, trailed by J. Sergeant Cram, Secretary Thomas P. Smith of Tammany Hall, Treasurer Philip Donohue, Charles Ackerson, Mr. Murphy's secretary, and a negro boy, totting a black leather bag marked "C. F. M."

"Mr. Murphy, have you come up here to work for woman suffrage?" he was asked.

"Have to refer you to Cram," he replied, waving his hand toward the Public Service Commissioner. "He looks after that question."

When asked what he thought of the proposed platform plank giving the Governor life and death power in the removal of subordinates, Mr. Murphy replied:

"I'm not a member of the platform committee."

The conference will begin at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. Probably it will end late in the afternoon. If talk of candidates is barred, there is little to do except adopt the platform.

FRAWLEY SAYS HE'LL NOT RUN FOR OFFICE

Senator, Back From War Zone, Denies He Seeks Place in Congress.

Senator James J. Frawley said yesterday that he would not run for office this fall. He was through with holding office, but added that he intends to continue as Tammany leader of his district, the Twenty-sixth.

From another source it was learned that the gossip among high Tammany officials was that Senator Frawley was to run for Congress, but the Senator himself said unqualifiedly that this was not so.

Senator Frawley, with Senators James A. Finck and Murtough, returned from Europe last week on the France. They were sent by the State to inspect and exhibit which might happen to be holding forth, with interrupted by the war.

Senator Frawley said that he didn't believe that ex-Sheriff Tom Foley, known to feel bitterly against Frawley because he excluded him from the State Prison, should have helped him out in his fight against Mike Rofrano and Clement Driess for the leadership, would take aggressive measures to prevent his reelection as district leader by the war.

He denied that he had gone into Foley's district to help the revolt against the former Sheriff, which was quickly crushed. When asked whether he had been helped by the fact that Mike Rofrano was appointed, through Frawley's efforts, Deputy Street Commissioner at \$4,500 a year, he said that he couldn't even get himself appointed to a job in this administration.

HINMAN STILL IN THE RACE.

Announces Split Campaign Despite Rejection by Moore.

Harvey D. Hinman's determination to be a candidate for Governor despite his summary rejection by the "Progressives" was announced yesterday in a statement by J. C. McKnight, former secretary to ex-Gov. Odell, who has consented, at the request of Hinman's friends, to act as chairman of the Hinman primary campaign committee.

Headquarters are to be opened at once at the Murray Hill Hotel. Within ten days Senator Hinman will open a State-wide speaking campaign. A campaign committee representing each county will be announced probably to-morrow and Hinman's petitions will be circulated throughout the State. Senator Hinman is not expected in the city for about ten days.

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